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Agenda item 5
Adoption of the report of the Working Group

Draft report

Chapter ___. Organizational and other matters

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Inter-sessional Ad Hoc Working Group on Integrated Planning and Management of Land Resources; and Agriculture, of the Commission on Sustainable Development, met in New York from 28 February to 3 March 2000, in accordance with Economic and Social Council decision 1999/280 of 29 July 1999. The Working Group held ... meetings (1st to ... meetings).

2. The session was opened by the Co-Chairman of the Commission on Sustainable Development, Choi Seok-young (Republic of Korea).

3. The Director of the Division for Sustainable Development made an introductory statement.

4. The Chairman of the inter-sessional event "Cultivating our Future" made a presentation.

5. The following made presentations on the Multi-stakeholder Dialogue on Sustainable Agriculture: Leah Porter (business and industry); David King, International Federation of Agricultural Producers (farmers); Lucien Royer, Trade Union Advisory Council/Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (trade unions); Carol Kalafatic, indigenous people's representative on the NGO Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems Caucus (non-governmental organization); and Gordon Bispham, Southern Co-Chair of the NGO Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems Caucus.

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B. Election of officers

6. At its 1st meeting, on 28 February, the Working Group elected Patrick McDonnell (Ireland) and Modesto Francisco Fernández Díaz-Silveira (Cuba) as Co-Chairmen, by acclamation.

C. Agenda and organization of work

7. At its 1st meeting, on 28 February, the Working Group adopted its provisional agenda contained in document E/CN.17/ISWG.I/2000/1, and approved its organization of work. The agenda was as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Integrated planning and management of land resources; and agriculture.
4. Other matters.
5. Adoption of the report of the Working Group.

D. Attendance

8. The session was attended by representatives of ___ States members of the Commission on Sustainable Development. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations and for the European Community, and representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and secretariats of treaty bodies, as well as observers for intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, also attended.

E. Documentation

9. The Working Group had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on integrated planning and management of land resources (E/CN.17/2000/6);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on integrated planning and management of land resources: conservation of biological diversity (E/CN.17/2000/6/Add.4);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on sustainable agriculture and rural development (E/CN.17/2000/7);

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on sustainable agriculture and rural development: urbanization and sustainable agricultural development (E/CN.17/2000/7/Add.1);

(e) Report of the Secretary-General on sustainable agriculture and rural development: biotechnology for sustainable agriculture (E/CN.17/2000/7/Add.2);

(f) Note verbale dated 1 February 2000 from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Chairman's report on "Cultivating Our Future" Conference on the Multifunctional Character of Agriculture and Land (Maastricht, Netherlands, September 1999) (E/CN.17/ISWG.1/2000/2).